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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, IS  
SUBJECT: JEWISH AGENCY FEUD OVER PORTFOLIOS AFFECTS BEGIN'S  
AUTHORITY AND RELATIONS WITH U.S. JEWRY

REF: TEL AVIV 3194

1. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF MOUNTING STRAINS  
BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
COMMUNITY OVER FOREIGN POLICY AND CLASHES BETWEEN  
LIBERALS AND HERUT OVER DOMESTIC AND INTRA-LIKUD  
ISSUES, THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE FILLING OF THE  
FOUR KEY PORTFOLIOS (TREASURY, SETTLEMENTS, IMMIGRATION-  
ABSORPTION, YOUTH ALIYAH) OF THE JEWISH AGENCY (JA)  
LEFT UNRESOLVED FROM THE WZO CONGRESS (TEL AVIV 3194)  
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APPEARS TO ADD FURTHER TO THE EROSION OF CONFIDENCE  
IN BEGIN'S LEADERSHIP.

2. THE CONFLICT CENTERS PRINCIPALLY AROUND HIS INSISTENCE  
THAT THE JEWISH AGENCY TREASURY AND ONE OTHER KEY POST  
GO TO HERUT CANDIDATES OF HIS CHOICE. MOUNTING RESISTANCE  
TO HIS EFFORTS LEAVES THE OUTCOME IN DOUBT. IF BEGIN

PRESSES TOO FAR, THIS COULD PROVOKE A BREAKUP OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, SPLIT THE WZO AND THE JEWISH AGENCY, AND AFFECT THE FUND RAISING FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY.

3. FAILURE OF BEGIN TO PREVAIL, FOLLOWING HIS FAILURE TO DESIGNATE HIS CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF ISRAEL IS BOUND TO REDUCE FURTHER HIS AUTHORITY IN HIS OWN PARTY AND VIS-A-VIS THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY.

4. THE CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AND BEGIN OVER THE PLACEMENT OF HERUT CANDIDATES IN THE JEWISH AGENCY IS REPORTEDLY ALSO HAVING AN IMPACT ON THE FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN BY UJA. FOR THE FIRST TIME AMERICAN FUND RAISING OFFICIALS ARE REPORTEDLY INSISTING ON TIGHTER ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE USE OF FUNDS. MOREOVER, THEY HAVE TOLD BEGIN THAT HIS FOREIGN POLICY APPROACH IS LIKELY TO MAKE FUND RAISING MORE DIFFICULT.

5. AIRGRAMS FOLLOWS.  
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